

# HOUSE BILL No. 1500

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-20-39.

**Synopsis:** School readiness grant. Provides a school readiness reimbursement grant to a parent of a child who: (1) is born after December 31, 2004; (2) did not attend a kindergarten offered by a public school; (3) has not completed more than 30 school days in grade 1 in any public or nonpublic school; and (4) successfully completes an assessment that indicates the child's readiness to attend grade 1. Makes a continuing appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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**Turner, Thompson**

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January 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-39 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 39. School Readiness Reimbursement Grants**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to a child who:**

- 6 (1) **is born after December 31, 2004;**
- 7 (2) **did not attend a kindergarten offered by a public school;**
- 8 (3) **has not completed more than thirty (30) school days in**  
9 **grade 1 in any public or nonpublic school; and**
- 10 (4) **successfully completes an assessment that indicates the**  
11 **child's readiness to attend grade 1, as determined by**  
12 **standards developed by the department under section 3 of this**  
13 **chapter.**

14 (b) **After June 30, 2011, the parent of a child described in**  
15 **subsection (a) is entitled to receive a grant of two thousand five**  
16 **hundred dollars (\$2,500).**

17 (c) **To receive a grant under subsection (b), the parent of a child**



1 described in subsection (a) must apply for the grant on the forms,  
 2 in the manner, and before the date prescribed by the department.  
 3 **Sec. 2.** School corporations shall administer the assessment and  
 4 grant program under this chapter for the department. The  
 5 department may allow nonpublic schools to administer any part of  
 6 the assessment and grant program.  
 7 **Sec. 3.** The department shall develop:  
 8 (1) an assessment that may be used by a school corporation,  
 9 including a charter school, or a nonpublic school to determine  
 10 a child's readiness to attend grade 1;  
 11 (2) the application form for a grant; and  
 12 (3) all other necessary standards and procedures to  
 13 implement the assessment and grant program.  
 14 A charge may not be imposed on a parent or child to make an  
 15 application, take an assessment, or receive a grant under this  
 16 chapter.  
 17 **Sec. 4.** A grant awarded under this chapter shall be paid from  
 18 the state general fund not later than sixty (60) days after the  
 19 department receives notice that a child has successfully completed  
 20 an assessment that indicates the child is ready to attend grade 1.  
 21 **Sec. 5.** The amount necessary to provide grants under this  
 22 chapter is annually appropriated to the department from the state  
 23 general fund.

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